

off the place—the landlord, agent, janitor, amusement dealer, keeper, procurer, druggist, physician, midwife, police officer, and politician; those who profit off the children—employers, procurers, and public service corporations; those who deal in the futures of vice—publishers, manufacturers and vendors of vicious pictures and articles; those who exploit the unemployed—the employment agent and employers; a group of no less than nineteen middlemen, who are profit-sharers in vice.”

Of course the government officials can only go as far as the federal law against white slavery will permit. But they will have shown local officials the way; and there is much these local officials can do that the federal officials can't do, for there are state laws and city ordinances which give the police all the authority they need to strike at this particular branch of the “business.”

The report of the Vice Commission will be very helpful to a mayor who is determined to use all the power at his command to protect decency and virtue in Chicago.

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## **GIRL WHO SLEW MAN ACCUSED AS VAMPIRE**

### **Charge of Murder Against Katherine Fretsch, Freed Under Unwritten Law to Be Pressed.**

New Orleans, Nov. 9.—Miss Katherine L. Fretsch, 19 years old, is in the city jail here today, charged for the second time with the murder of Frank L. Mischler.

Months ago, Mischler, who was a widower and the father of three children, was shot and killed in his home here.

Katherine Fretsch was arrested and formally charged with the murder.

Then she claimed that Mischler had betrayed her, and a month after the shooting, a baby was born to her.

A wave of sympathy for the girl swept over the country. Women's clubs took up the case. Letters and appeals for leniency for Miss Fretsch poured in upon

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### **District Attorney Adams**

Adams decided that the girl never could be convicted, that any jury would acquit her under the “unwritten law.”

Katherine Fretsch was released on \$1,000 bond, and the charge of murder against her quietly dropped.

Yesterday Mrs. Julius Sampson complained to District Attorney Adams that Miss Fretsch had wrecked her home.

Adams immediately ordered the arrest of the girl. Her bond was raised to \$20,000. She has been unable to provide it so far, and is in the city jail.

Adams says that this time Miss Fretsch will go to trial, and says that his office will push the case against her to the limit.

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Queen Mary is boosting hand-made lace as a cottage industry to supply pocket-money to English housekeepers.